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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. AT LEAST THE FRENCH, GERMAN, DUTCH AND
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BELGIAN EXPORT INTERESTS TO ITALY IN THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR ARE

HARD HIT BY THE PRESENT ITALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AND COUNTER-MEASURES ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FRENCH CABINET SEEMS TO HAVE MET ON MAY 9 UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF MESSMER WITH AT LEAST MARCELLIN, JOBERT AND GISCARD D'ESTAING PRESENT TO DISCUSS EFFECT OF ITALIAN RESTRICTIONS ON FRENCH EXPORTS OF MEAT AND LIVE ANIMALS TO ITALY.

3. IT SEEMS (BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FROM EMBASSY PARIS) THAT THE GOF WOULD FACILITATE PRIVATE ENTITIES INVOLVED IN MEAT/ANIMAL EXPORTS, TO TAKE CARES OF THE REQUIRED DEPOSIT OF THE 50 PERCENT ON THE CIF VALUE.

4. THIS WOULD MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF THE GOI TO STRENGTHEN ITS BALANCE OF PAYMENT POSITION, BUT AT THE SAME TIME WOULD AFFECT THE PROFITABILITY OF ITALIAN PRODUCERS WHO ARE CONFRONTED WITH A COST/PRICE SQUEEZE AND A CONSUMER APATHY TO BUY MEAT AT PRESENT HIGH PRICES.

5. ITALY IMPORTED LAST CY LIVE ANIMALS AND MEAT FROM FRANCE TO THE TUNE OF 1.153 RESPECTIVELY 546 MILLION FRANCS (TOTAL AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM FRANCE: 5.320 MILLION FRANCS.) ABOVE FIGURES REPRESENT 40 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL LIVESTOCK/MEAT IMPORTS OF ITALY.

6. FROM THE FRENCH POINT OF VIEW THIS MATTER IS URGENT, SINCE THE GOF PRESENTLY IS FORCED TO TAKE AROUND 4,000 TONS OF MEAT PER WEEK OUT OF THE MARKET UNDER CAP.

7. GERMAN AND DUTCH AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE INFORM ALSO IN THOSE COUNTRIES ACTIONS ARE CONSIDERED TO OVERCOME PRESENT DIFFICULTIES TO SELL LIVESTOCK INTO ITALY.

8. COMMENT: ONE WONDERS WHAT EFFECT THIS ALL MUST HAVE ON THE REALIZATION OF A HARMONIOUS COMMON MARKET, AS MANSHOLT ONCE DREAMT ABOUT. VOLPE

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